

Animal Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 01/13/2014

Minutes Prepared By: Rose Armour (Minutes amended 2/6/2014)

1. Purpose of Meeting

Animal Advisory Board committee meeting

2. Attendance at Meeting

Board Members		Residents	
Jean Linman	Barbara Hays	Doug Beckman	Rose Armour
Debra Griggs	Erin Edwards	Frederick Sciulli	
Dorothy Winn	Debbie Donour	Kimberlie Young	
Marie Jensen			

3. Agenda

6.1-79: Off Leash Permits (OLP)

4. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Multiple suggestions were shared to update the OLP and address issues raised by several Ocean View citizens.

1. Restrict the permit to/or from certain areas on the beach, such as no off leash dogs allowed in Sara Constant Park and Ocean View Beach Park.
(Recommendation: Committee felt restricting off leash dogs from the two beach parks was a viable option.)
2. Require dogs and owners who have OLPs to have identifiable markers, preferably a tag of a unique design/color and with a unique # to match the OLP #. The ID markers would be provided by the City at a cost not to exceed \$10. This would mean that the permit would no longer be free.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was a viable option.)
3. Requested that the two different police sectors, who patrol the beach, handle the OLPs in the same manner.
(Recommendation: Committee felt there needed to be some outreach and education on the matter.)
 - a. There is concern that one sector asks to see permits more often than the other.
 - b. There is also concern whether the Police understand that they can enforce the permit when a dog is in the water (e.g. where does Norfolk property/jurisdiction end), as there was conflicting information being presented at the civic league meetings.
4. Create a dog beach park. It would be an assigned area where the OLP would be allowed similar to a dog park.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was too restrictive and not a viable option, it was felt that suggestion #1 covered the need for a restricted area.)
5. Change the renewal time from annually to every five years.
(Recommendation: Committee felt three year renewal period would put the permit renewal in line with rabies vaccinations and would be a better option.)

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6. Posted signs at the beach need to be updated to add language that having your dog off leash is permitted with an OLP and if OLP ID markers are approved, include a picture of the required marker so beach patrons can see if an off leash dog has an OLP and also become informed as to what is required for a dog to be off leash.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was a good way to educate the public.)
7. Add information about leash laws and the OLP and how to obtain the permit in the annual letter sent out by Treasurer's Office notifying dog owners to renew their animal license.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was a good way to educate the public.)
8. Conduct education at the civic leagues meetings. Reach out to civic league presidents at the Norfolk Federation of Civic Leagues.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was a good way to educate the public.)
9. Accept owners to show Canine Good Citizen certification paperwork or the certificate as valid proof of completion of class to obtain their permit.
(Recommendation: Committee felt this was a viable option.)

Jean Linman will compile the various suggested changes in the ordinance and complete the Norfolk Advisory Board Recommendation form. These changes will be taken to the Board, who will vote, and if approved the suggestions and recommends will be sent to City Council and the City Manager's Office for review.

5. Assignments		
Action	Assigned To	Notes
Revise 6.1-79 and complete recommendation form (once the board members have voted)	Jean	Any revisions will be brought to the next Board meeting for a vote

6. Next Meeting			
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	RECORDER
2/5/2014	5:30	City Hall, 10 th floor conference room	Rose Armour
Agenda:			
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